

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR


2 November 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Carter

Mr. McCone asked that this be looked over before he sends it.

I suggest that Sheldon take a look at the gray telephone paragraph to ensure that all USIB principals do have access.

I have made some editorial suggestions.



Walter Elder

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*Gen. Carter has  
seen. No comment.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable McGeorge Bundy  
Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

I am increasingly concerned over the extent to which classified subjects are discussed over the telephone by government officials at practically all levels. The attached brief report prepared by CIA Director of Communications, [redacted] makes it clear that all regular telephone systems, including the White House system (NA 3-1414), and the CIA system (351-1100) are susceptible to compromise.

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The White House red telephones (KY-1), are safe within the limitations of the security arrangements within particular office complexes.

I think it would be prudent to expand the red telephone installations further so that those of us who must from time to time discuss highly classified matters on the telephone would have a red telephone in our offices. I should think that this would include most of the members of the Executive Committee and perhaps a few others. Once the red telephone system is further expanded, then we should all make a practice of using it, even though doing so involves some inconvenience.

Within the intelligence community, I am directing the use of gray telephones (KY-11) as much as possible for conversations between members of the United States Intelligence Board.

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(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE  
John A. McCone  
Director

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# ACTION MEMORANDUM

## OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. A-82Date 30 October 1962

TO : Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Secure Communications

## REFERENCE:

The DCI has asked for a one-page memorandum describing in nontechnical terms the technical and security aspects of various telephones available to him. He refers to the regular Agency extension, the Langley red line, the NSA-administered gray phone, the White House-administered KY-1, and the White House net (NA 8-1414) which includes DCI and DDCI. The DCI questions are: Which of these is secure? Of those that are secure, explain why. Of those not secure, explain why. The DCI particularly desires to know whether any of the secure lines involves a scrambler.

I suggest a one-page, tabular presentation would do the job.  
Please forward by close of business, 31 October.

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Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Executive Director

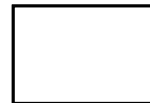
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

THROUGH : Deputy Director (Support)  
Director of Security



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Attached in tabulated form is the information requested by  
you in reference.

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